

Lava Viewing Options



Easy: Bird's-eye views of the steam plume are visible along the Chain of Craters Road.



Moderate: The easiest walk for good views is a 1.5 mile (2.5 km) round trip from here to **Steam Plume Viewing Area**.

Extremely Difficult: Hike about 4 hours, 7 miles (11.5 km) round-trip for closer views. Follow the marked route. Good views are possible along the way.

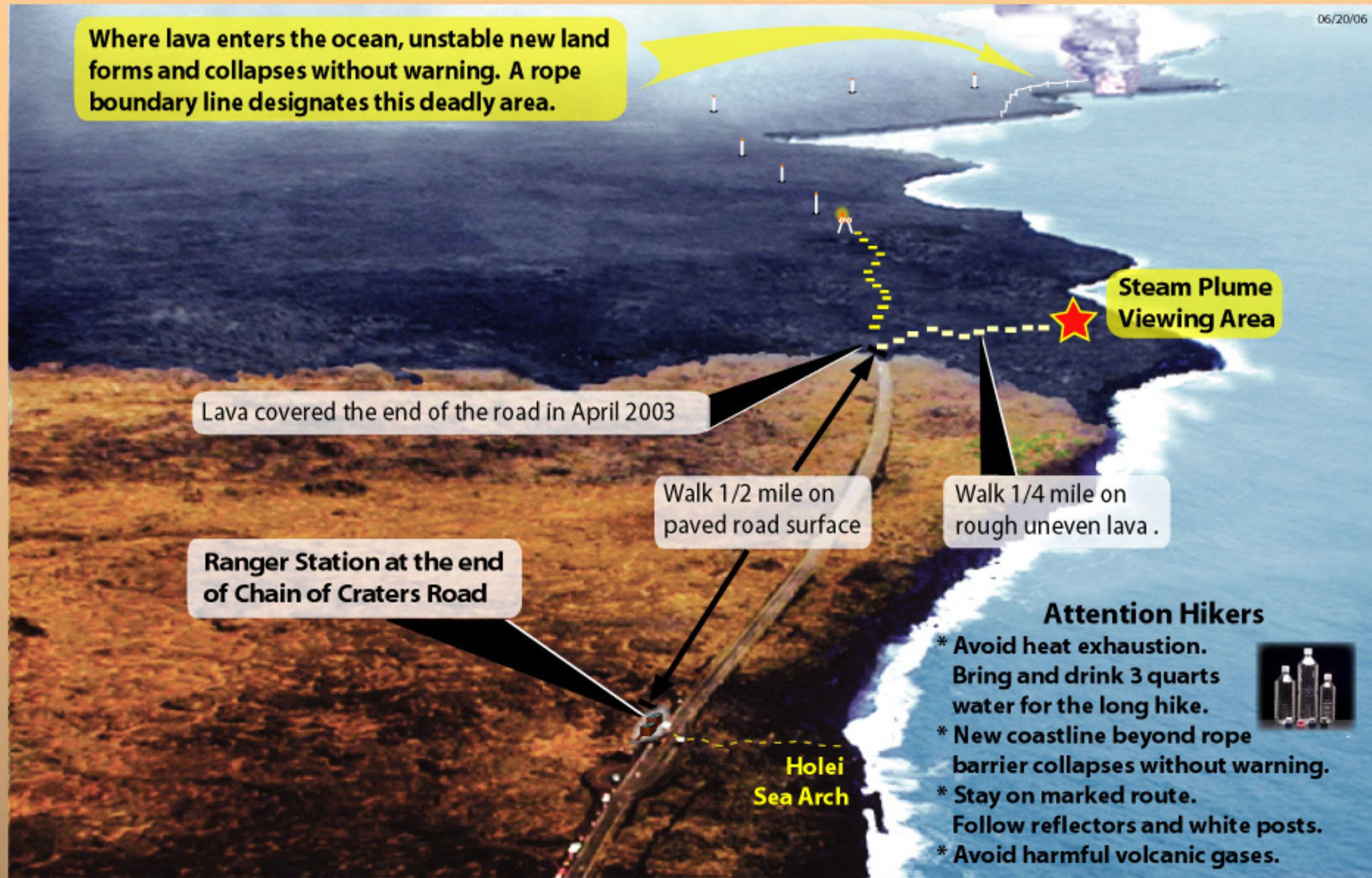


RANGER'S TIP

Views of red lava or glow are often best after dark.



Carry one flashlight per person to hike safely after dark.



Where lava enters the ocean, unstable new land forms and collapses without warning. A rope boundary line designates this deadly area.

Steam Plume Viewing Area

Lava covered the end of the road in April 2003

Walk 1/2 mile on paved road surface

Walk 1/4 mile on rough uneven lava .

Ranger Station at the end of Chain of Craters Road

Holei Sea Arch

Attention Hikers

- * Avoid heat exhaustion. Bring and drink 3 quarts water for the long hike.
- * New coastline beyond rope barrier collapses without warning.
- * Stay on marked route. Follow reflectors and white posts.
- * Avoid harmful volcanic gases.



Photographs from the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory.
<http://hvo.wr.usgs.gov/kilauea/update/main.html>